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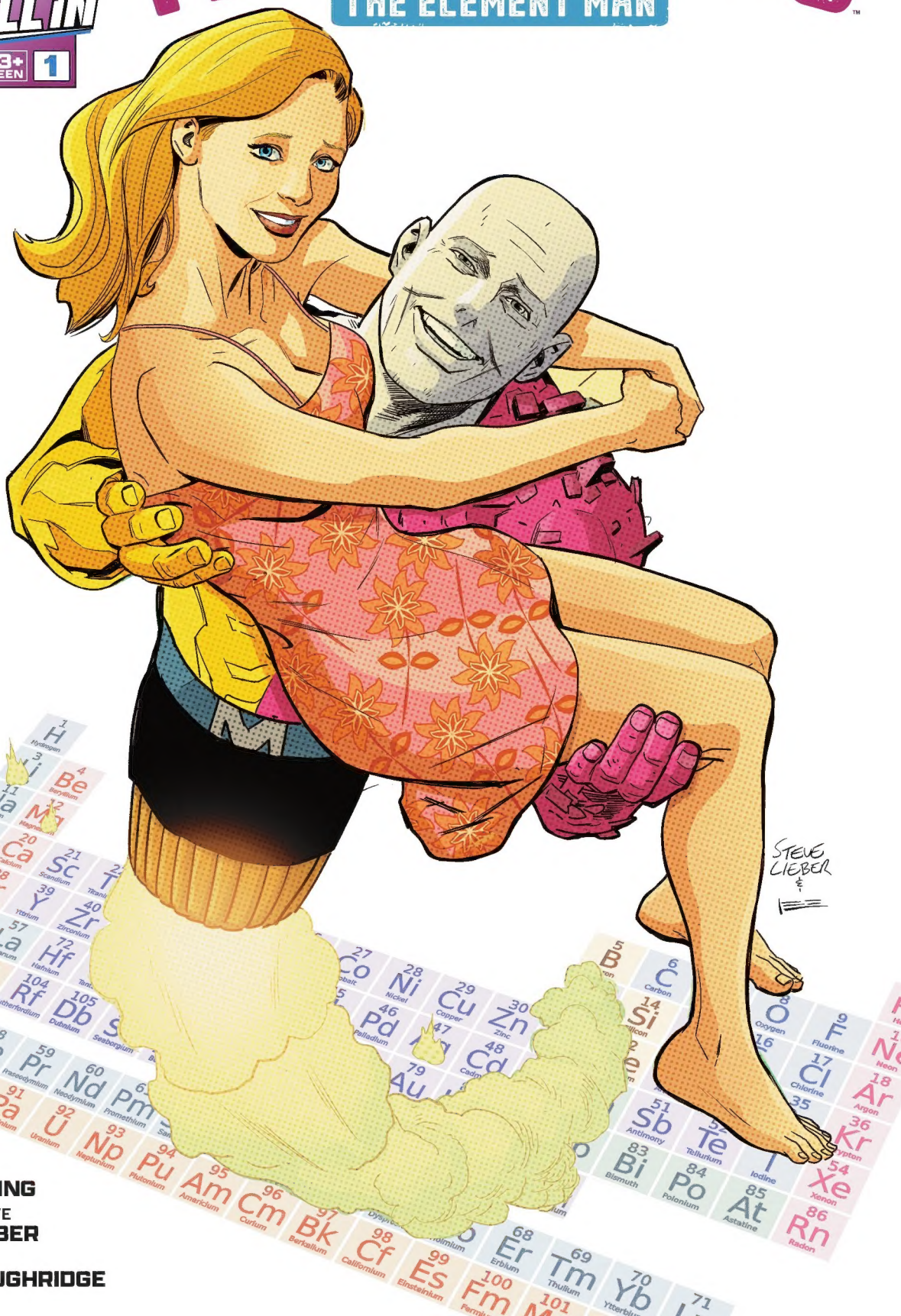

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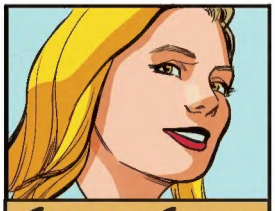

SAPPHIRE STAGG-- *THE STAR OF A THOUSAND TALENTS!*

SIMON STAGG-- *THE BILLIONAIRE OF A THOUSAND SCHEMES!*

JAVA-- *THE CAVEMAN OF A THOUSAND SORROWS!*

URANIA BLACKWELL-- *THE SPY OF A THOUSAND MISSIONS!*

...MISTER 3--? *WE'VE GOT THREE THOUSAND QUESTIONS!*

METAMORPHO
The ELEMENT MAN

*TO KNOW HIM IS TO **LOVE** HIM--THAT FAB FREAK WHO CAN CHANGE HIMSELF INTO **ANY ELEMENT** IN THE HUMAN BODY! HE'S THE ONE AND ONLY **REX MASON**, ALIAS **METAMORPHO**--BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FEARSOME FOE MATCHES HIM **CHANGE FOR CHANGE?** AN ENEMY WHO DOESN'T NEED TO BECOME **ANY** ELEMENT--BECAUSE HE CAN BE THE **ONE** ELEMENT THAT'LL FINISH REX ONCE AND FOR ALL?*

HOLY HANNAH! THIS JOKER'S A REAL GAS!
BUT HOWCUM I AIN'T CHANGIN' TO MATCH...?!
BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR WEAKNESS, METAMORPHO--
--AND I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOU WITH IT--
--IN THE NAME OF Cy.C.L.O.P.S.!

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THE ANSWER'S RIGHT HERE, METAMANIACS--IN THE STRANGELY SHIFTING SHAPE OF...

MISTER 3, the Triple-State Man!

AND WE BEGIN OUR TERRIFIC TALE AT THE STRANGEST STARTING POINT OF ALL... UNDER THE PITILESS GLARE OF A JEWELED SUN...

PLEASE, PRINCE RA-MAN! END ME IF YOU MUST--BUT NOT THE ONE I SERVE!

DON'T ENACT... THE PENALTY!

IT WAS YOUR MASTER WHO CHALLENGED THE RULE OF THE SIX-SIDED SUN, HELIO!

AND HAD YOU WON OUR COMBAT, THE RA-REALM ITSELF WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED!

EVEN SO, I WOULD SHOW YOU MERCY...

YES! MERCY!

...BUT THE CHOICE IS NOT MINE! SOLAR LAW IS AS ANCIENT AS THE STARS THEMSELVES... AND EVEN I DARE NOT BREAK IT!

THUS, USING MY POWER OF MIND MASTERY, I MUST STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW...

NO!

...NO MATTER THE CONSEQUENCES!

SHRAKK!

YARRGH!

IT IS DONE! THE CHALLENGE IS OVER!

RA-PRIME'S CHAMPION WON--AND THE DEMON SUN'S LOST! AND IN DEFEAT, THE PENALTY MUST BE PAID!

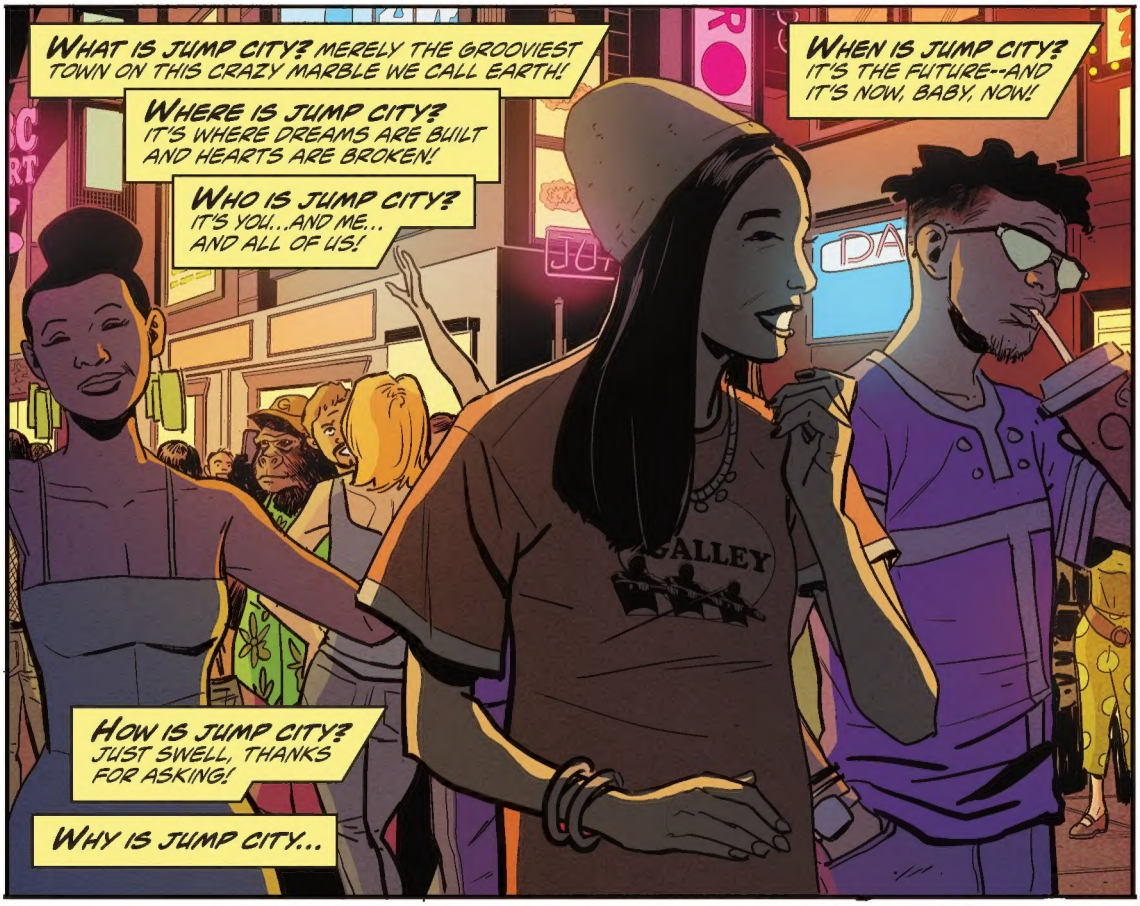
LET SOLAR JUSTICE BE DONE...

...NOW!

AND WITH A ROAR THAT SHAKES THE RA-REALM ITSELF... THE SECOND SUN ABOVE PRINCE RA-MAN'S HEAD...

...EXPLODES!

DIG THAT DOWNER, DADDY-O! BUT ENOUGH HEAVY VIBES IN MYSTERIOUS ZONES BEYOND OUR KEN--
--LET'S TAKE A TRIP, READER...
...TO JUMP CITY!


WHAT IS JUMP CITY? MERELY THE GROOVIEST TOWN ON THIS CRAZY MARBLE WE CALL EARTH!
WHERE IS JUMP CITY? IT'S WHERE DREAMS ARE BUILT AND HEARTS ARE BROKEN!
WHO IS JUMP CITY? IT'S YOU...AND ME... AND ALL OF US!
WHEN IS JUMP CITY? IT'S THE FUTURE--AND IT'S NOW, BABY, NOW!
HOW IS JUMP CITY? JUST SWELL, THANKS FOR ASKING!
WHY IS JUMP CITY...

...THE HOME OF THE NEW STAGG INDUSTRIES HQ?
BECAUSE IT'S TOMORROW'S CITY TODAY--
--AND SIMON STAGG, BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST (AND ALL-AROUND FINK!) IS ALWAYS ONE JUMP AHEAD...
...JUST LIKE HIS MANY ENEMIES!
BUT IS THIS MYSTERY INTRUDER AFTER OL' STAGGSY...OR SOMEONE ELSE...?

JOIN US, METAMANIACS, AND LEARN...
CENTRAL COMPUTER BANK
CENTRAL COMPUTER BANK
SUPER COLD FREON
GROOVY.
MISTER 3 TO Cy.C.L.O.P.S....
I'M IN!

ACCESSING THE METAMORPHO FILE...

...HERE'S ALL THE DATA STAGG HAS!

NATURALLY, HE KNOWS WHO THE ELEMENT MAN IS AND HOW HE CAME TO BE...

...BUT THE FOOL HAS NO UNDERSTANDING OF METAMORPHO'S TRUE PURPOSE--

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ADVENTURER!

DISTRUSTFUL DAD!

PYRAMID PERIL!

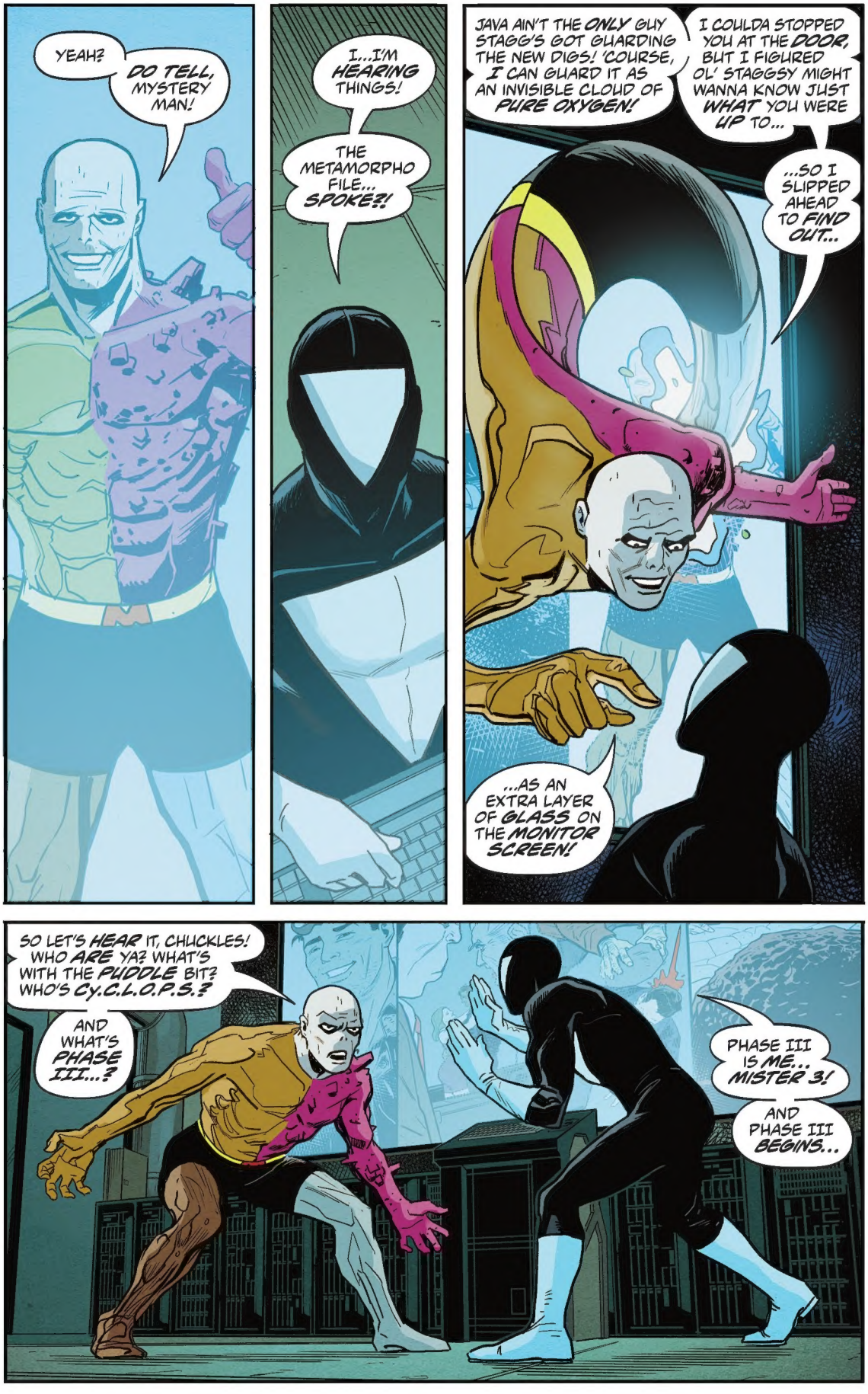
MUTAGENIC METEOR!

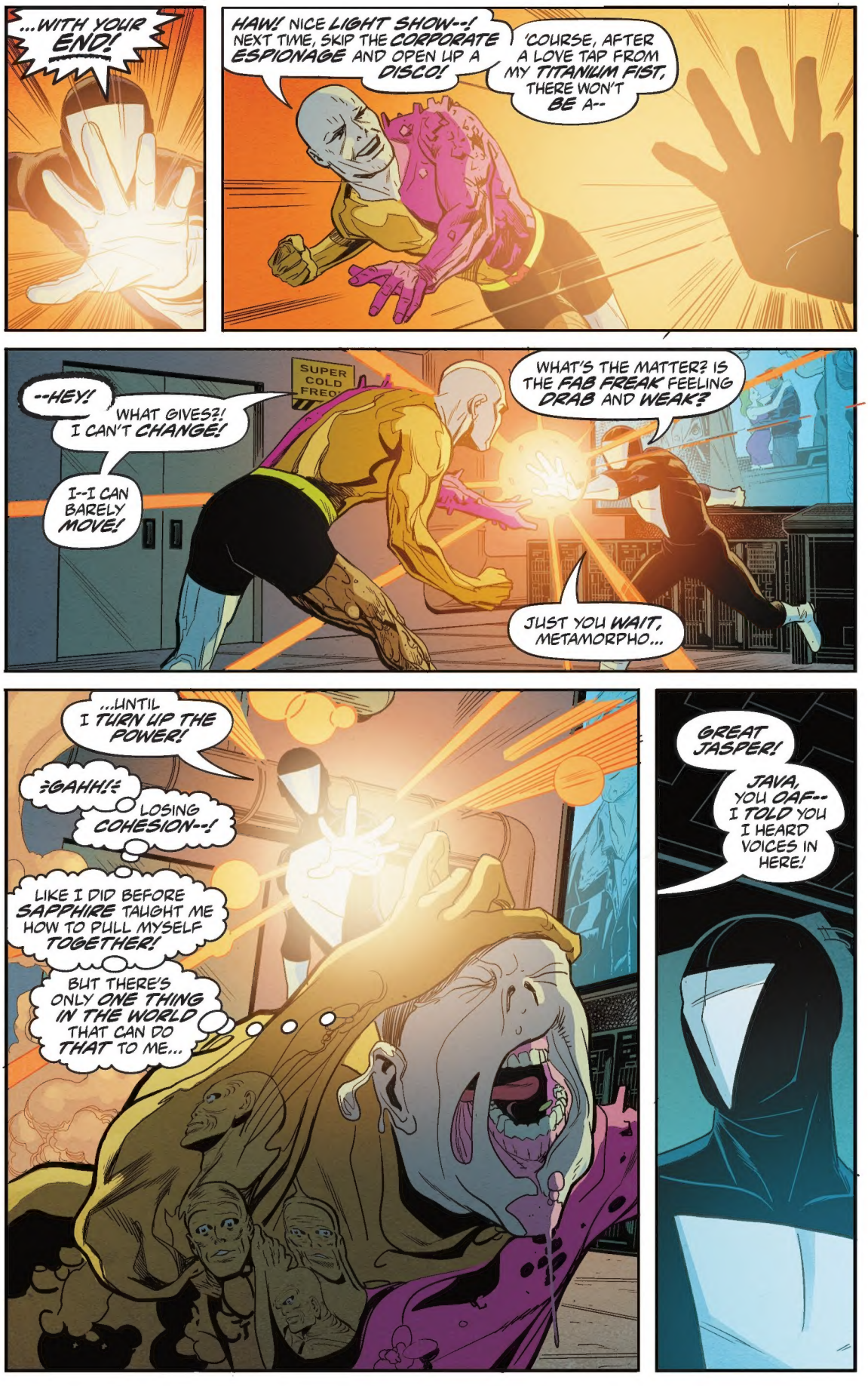
FABULOUS FREAK!

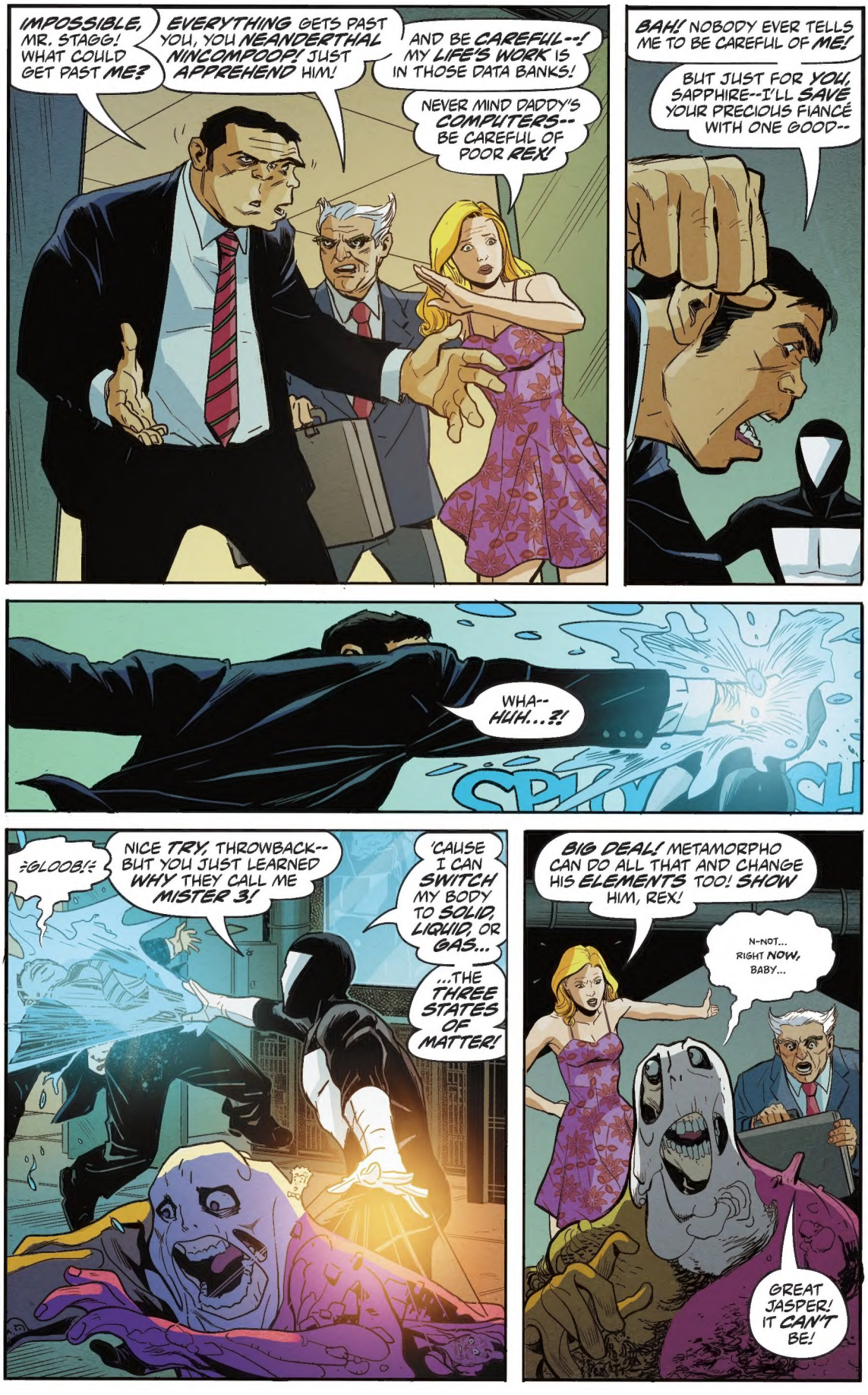
SUPER COLD FREON

--OR THAT OF THE OTHERS!

SO WE CAN MOVE TO PHASE III...


YEAH?
DO TELL, MYSTERY MAN!
I...I'M HEARING THINGS!
THE METAMORPHO FILE... SPOKE?!
JAVA AIN'T THE ONLY GUY STAGG'S GOT GUARDING THE NEW DIGS! 'COURSE, I CAN GUARD IT AS AN INVISIBLE CLOUD OF PURE OXYGEN!
I COULDA STOPPED YOU AT THE DOOR, BUT I FIGURED OL' STAGGSY MIGHT WANNA KNOW JUST WHAT YOU WERE UP TO...
...SO I SLIPPED AHEAD TO FIND OUT...
...AS AN EXTRA LAYER OF GLASS ON THE MONITOR SCREEN!
SO LET'S HEAR IT, CHUCKLES! WHO ARE YA? WHAT'S WITH THE PUDDLE BIT? WHO'S Cy.C.L.O.P.S.?
AND WHAT'S PHASE III...?
PHASE III IS ME... MISTER 3!
AND PHASE III BEGINS...

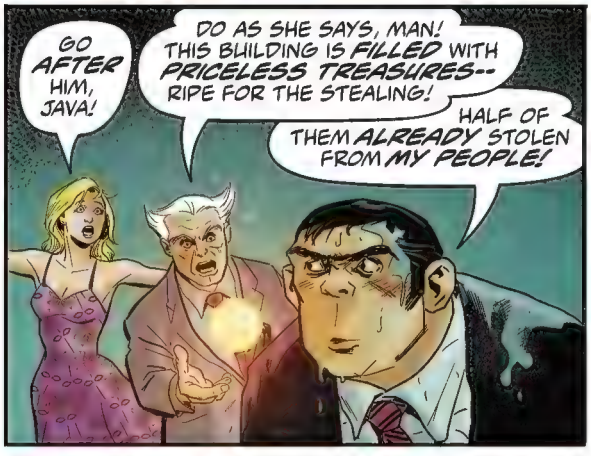

...WITH YOUR END!
HAW! NICE LIGHT SHOW--! NEXT TIME, SKIP THE CORPORATE ESPIONAGE AND OPEN UP A DISCO!
'COURSE, AFTER A LOVE TAP FROM MY TITANIUM FIST, THERE WON'T BE A--
SUPER COLD FREO
--HEY!
WHAT GIVES?! I CAN'T CHANGE!
I--I CAN BARELY MOVE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? IS THE FAB FREAK FEELING DRAB AND WEAK?
JUST YOU WAIT, METAMORPHO...
...UNTIL I TURN UP THE POWER!
=GAHH!=
LOSING COHESION--!
LIKE I DID BEFORE SAPPHIRE TAUGHT ME HOW TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER!
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING IN THE WORLD THAT CAN DO THAT TO ME...
GREAT JASPER!
JAVA, YOU OAF-- I TOLD YOU I HEARD VOICES IN HERE!


IMPOSSIBLE, MR. STAGG! WHAT COULD GET PAST ME?
EVERYTHING GETS PAST YOU, YOU NEANDERTHAL NINCOMPOOP! JUST APPREHEND HIM!
AND BE CAREFUL--! MY LIFE'S WORK IS IN THOSE DATA BANKS!
NEVER MIND DADDY'S COMPUTERS-- BE CAREFUL OF POOR REX!
BAH! NOBODY EVER TELLS ME TO BE CAREFUL OF ME!
BUT JUST FOR YOU, SAPPHIRE--I'LL SAVE YOUR PRECIOUS FIANCÉ WITH ONE GOOD--
WHA-- HUH...?!
SPLOOSH
=GLOOB!=
NICE TRY, THROWBACK-- BUT YOU JUST LEARNED WHY THEY CALL ME MISTER 3!
'CAUSE I CAN SWITCH MY BODY TO SOLID, LIQUID, OR GAS...
...THE THREE STATES OF MATTER!
BIG DEAL! METAMORPHO CAN DO ALL THAT AND CHANGE HIS ELEMENTS TOO! SHOW HIM, REX!
N-NOT... RIGHT NOW, BABY...
GREAT JASPER! IT CAN'T BE!

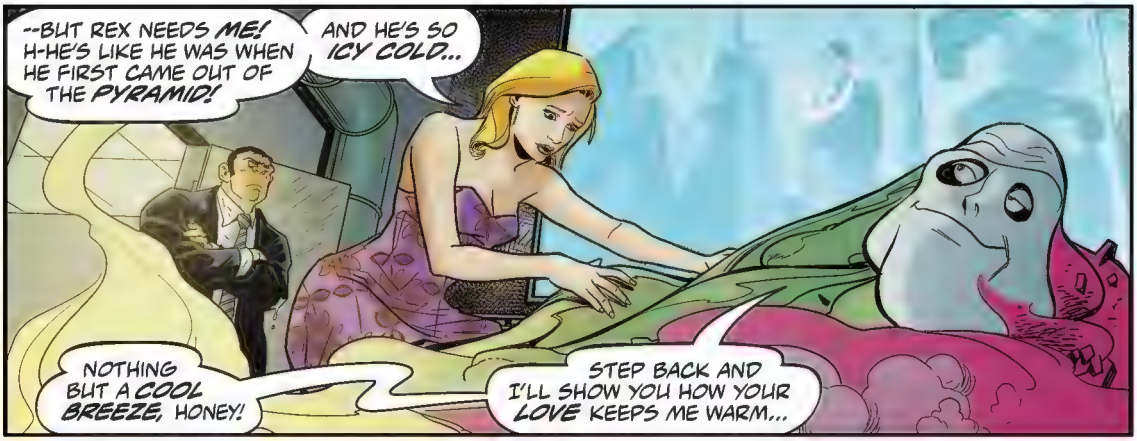
DADDY...?
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THAT GLOW THE INTRUDER'S EMITTING?
SOMEHOW, HIS VERY ATOMIC STRUCTURE HAS BEEN ALTERED-- TO DUPLICATE THIS...
...THE ORB OF RA!
THE ORB OF RA! CARVED FROM THE SAME MYSTERY METEOROID THAT GAVE METAMORPHO HIS POWERS--THE ORB IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN TAKE THEM AWAY!
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D :GLUB!: HIT MASON WITH A DOUBLE DOSE?
DON'T SECOND-GUESS ME, YOU PREHISTORIC PEDANT!
I THOUGHT THE TWO ORBS MIGHT CANCEL OUT!
BUT IF YOU WANT A TRUE DEMONSTRATION OF THE SIMON STAGG GENIUS--
--GRAB THAT PIPE!
:GLOOG...?:

:GAHH!:
SO COLD-- IT BURNS!
NATURALLY--! IT'S SUPER-CHILLED FREON! THE COOLING SYSTEM FOR THE COMPUTER!
AND IF YOU'LL AIM IT AT THAT LIQUEFIED LOUT--
--YOU CAN FREEZE HIM RIGHT BACK TO A SOLID!
AAARGH!
MOLECULAR MOTION... SLOWING...

GOT TO GET AWAY--BEFORE I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL!
YOU WIN THIS ROUND, MASON--BUT NEXT TIME IT'LL BE... ROUND THREE!
HEY! GET BACK HERE!


GO AFTER HIM, JAVA!
DO AS SHE SAYS, MAN! THIS BUILDING IS FILLED WITH PRICELESS TREASURES-- RIPE FOR THE STEALING!
HALF OF THEM ALREADY STOLEN FROM MY PEOPLE!

SHOULD I HAVE LEFT THEM IN THE ICE WITH YOU? REMEMBER, YOU DEFROSTED DOLT-- YOU OWE ME YOUR LIFE! TWICE OVER!
SAPPHIRE NEEDS PROTECTING MORE THAN YOUR MONEY, STAGG!
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING, JAVA--!


--BUT REX NEEDS ME! H-HE'S LIKE HE WAS WHEN HE FIRST CAME OUT OF THE PYRAMID!
AND HE'S SO ICY COLD...
NOTHING BUT A COOL BREEZE, HONEY!
STEP BACK AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW YOUR LOVE KEEPS ME WARM...

...WITH AN ASSIST FROM A LITTLE CESIUM!
JUST THE THING TO HEAT UP THE OLD ATOMS AND GET ME BACK TO MY FAB, FREAKY SELF!
INGENIOUS, M'BOY!
:HMMPH!:
WHEN I DISCOVERED FIRE, I DIDN'T MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT!
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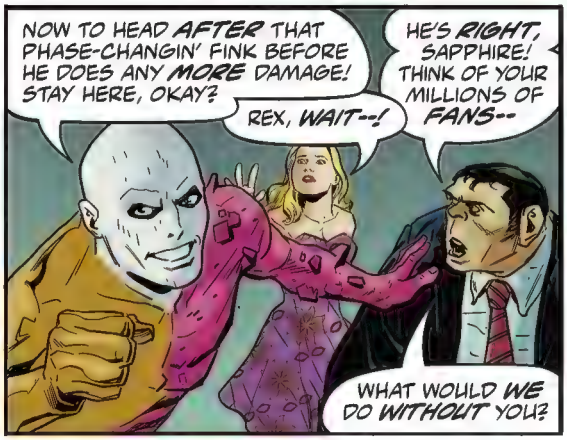
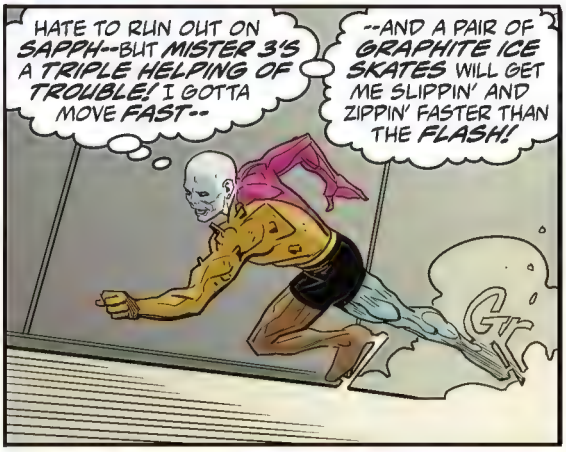
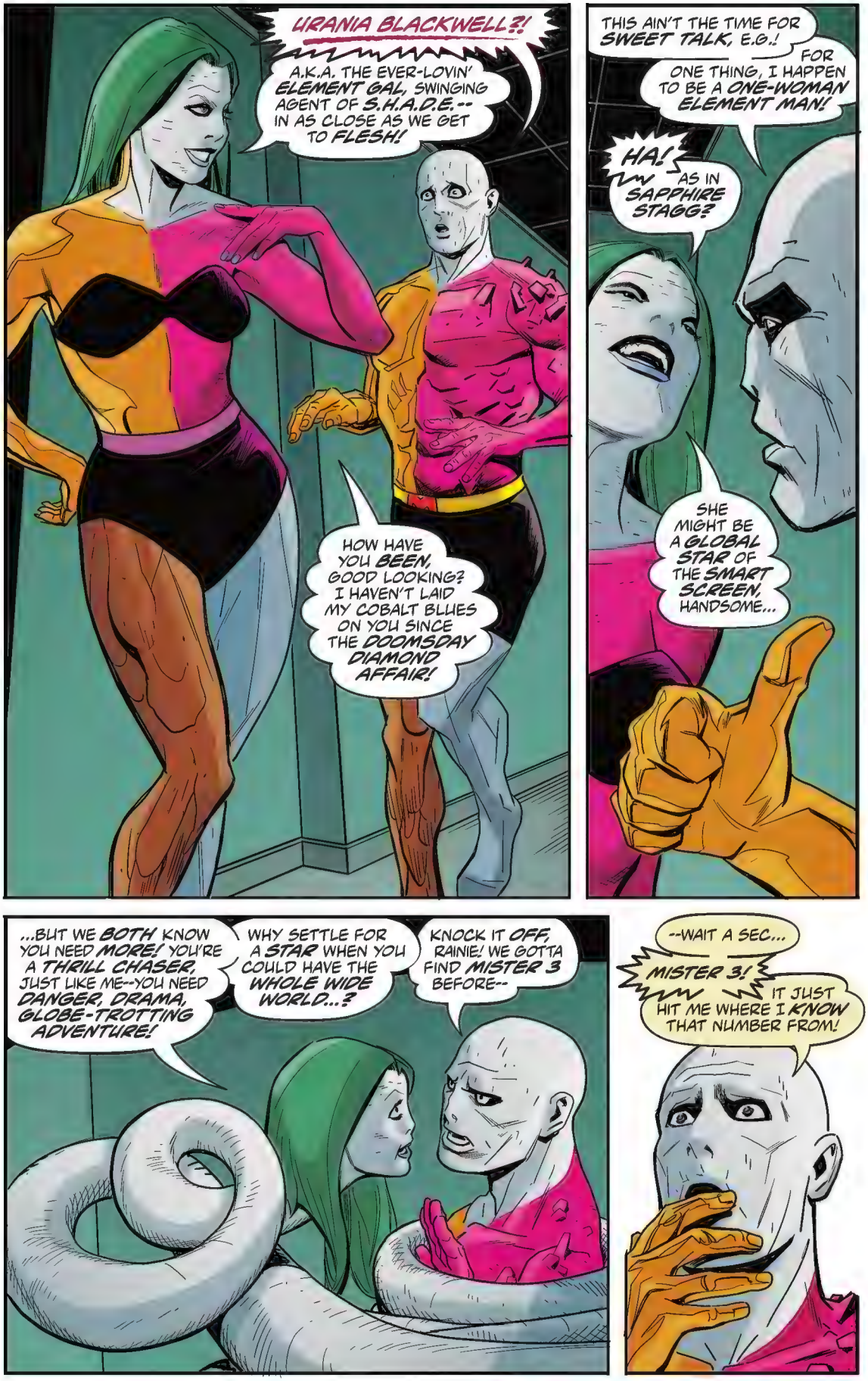
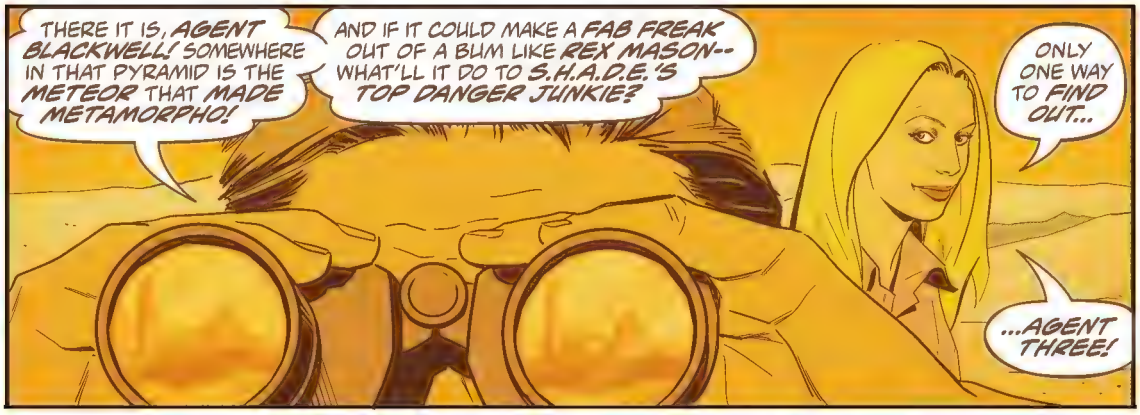

NOW TO HEAD AFTER THAT PHASE-CHANGIN' FINK BEFORE HE DOES ANY MORE DAMAGE! STAY HERE, OKAY?
REX, WAIT--!
HE'S RIGHT, SAPPHIRE! THINK OF YOUR MILLIONS OF FANS--
WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?


HATE TO RUN OUT ON SAPPH--BUT MISTER 3'S A TRIPLE HELPING OF TROUBLE! I GOTTA MOVE FAST--
--AND A PAIR OF GRAPHITE ICE SKATES WILL GET ME SLIPPIN' AND ZIPPIN' FASTER THAN THE FLASH!

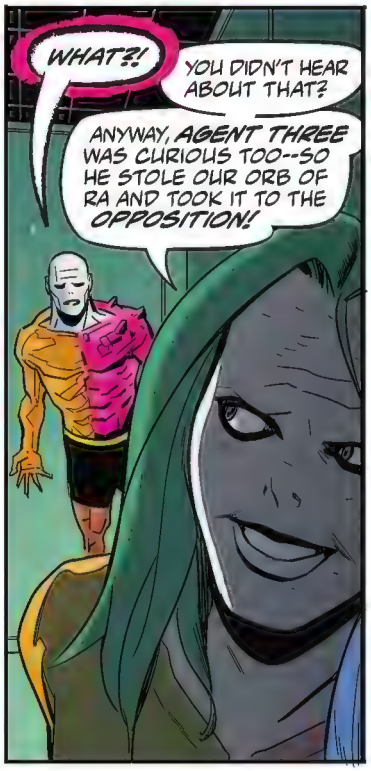
I JUST HOPE THAT'S FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH UP WITH--
YOU?!


URANIA BLACKWELL?!
A.K.A. THE EVER-LOVIN' ELEMENT GAL, SWINGING AGENT OF S.H.A.D.E.-- IN AS CLOSE AS WE GET TO FLESH!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, GOOD LOOKING? I HAVEN'T LAID MY COBALT BLUES ON YOU SINCE THE DOOMSDAY DIAMOND AFFAIR!
THIS AIN'T THE TIME FOR SWEET TALK, E.G.!
FOR ONE THING, I HAPPEN TO BE A ONE-WOMAN ELEMENT MAN!
HA! AS IN SAPPHIRE STAGG?
SHE MIGHT BE A GLOBAL STAR OF THE SMART SCREEN, HANDSOME...
...BUT WE BOTH KNOW YOU NEED MORE! YOU'RE A THRILL CHASER, JUST LIKE ME--YOU NEED DANGER, DRAMA, GLOBE-TROTTING ADVENTURE!
WHY SETTLE FOR A STAR WHEN YOU COULD HAVE THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD...?
KNOCK IT OFF, RAINIE! WE GOTTA FIND MISTER 3 BEFORE--
--WAIT A SEC...
MISTER 3!
IT JUST HIT ME WHERE I KNOW THAT NUMBER FROM!


THERE IT IS, AGENT BLACKWELL! SOMEWHERE IN THAT PYRAMID IS THE METEOR THAT MADE METAMORPHO!
AND IF IT COULD MAKE A FAB FREAK OUT OF A BUM LIKE REX MASON--WHAT'LL IT DO TO S.H.A.D.E.'S TOP DANGER JUNKIE?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...
...AGENT THREE!

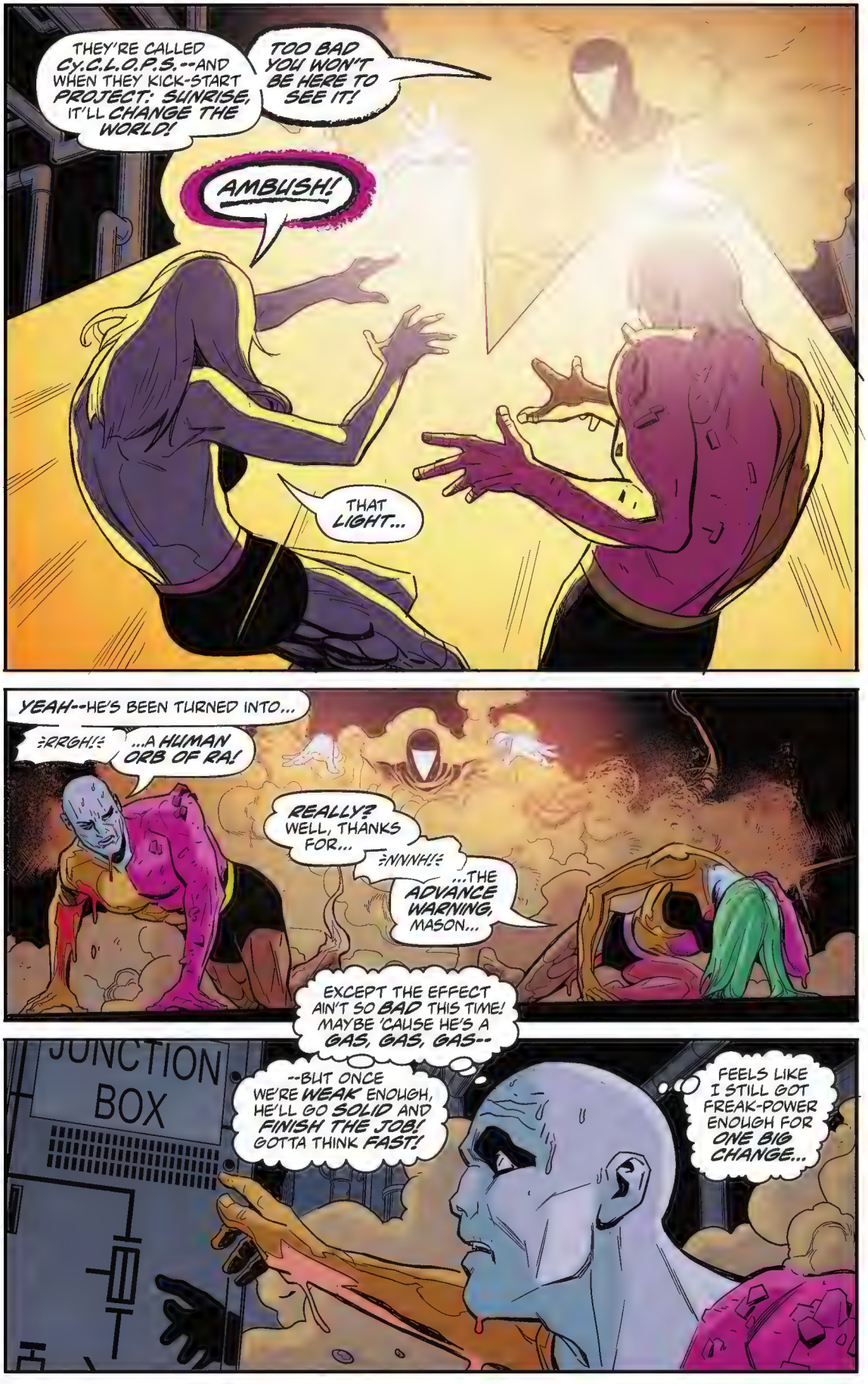
HE WAS YOUR HANDLER--ON THE WAY-OUT MISSION THAT TURNED YOU INTO A RIP-OFF OF ME!
THIS IS ALL SOME KINDA WACKY S.H.A.D.E. OP, AIN'T IT?

WE'D BE MUCH MORE SUBTLE! AND YOU'RE THE ROUGH FIRST DRAFT OF ME, MASON--
--THAT'S WHY YOU'RE STUCK RUNNING ERRANDS FOR SIMON STAGG!
HE'S WORKIN' ON A CURE--
AS IF YOU WANT ONE! AND NEITHER DOES STAGG, TRUST ME--HE WANTS WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
BUT FIRST, HE HAS TO KNOW WHY WE SURVIVED THE METAMORPH METEOR WHEN EVERY OTHER AGENT S.H.A.D.E. SENT DIED HORRIBLY...


WHAT?!
YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT?
ANYWAY, AGENT THREE WAS CURIOUS TOO--SO HE STOLE OUR ORB OF RA AND TOOK IT TO THE OPPOSITION!

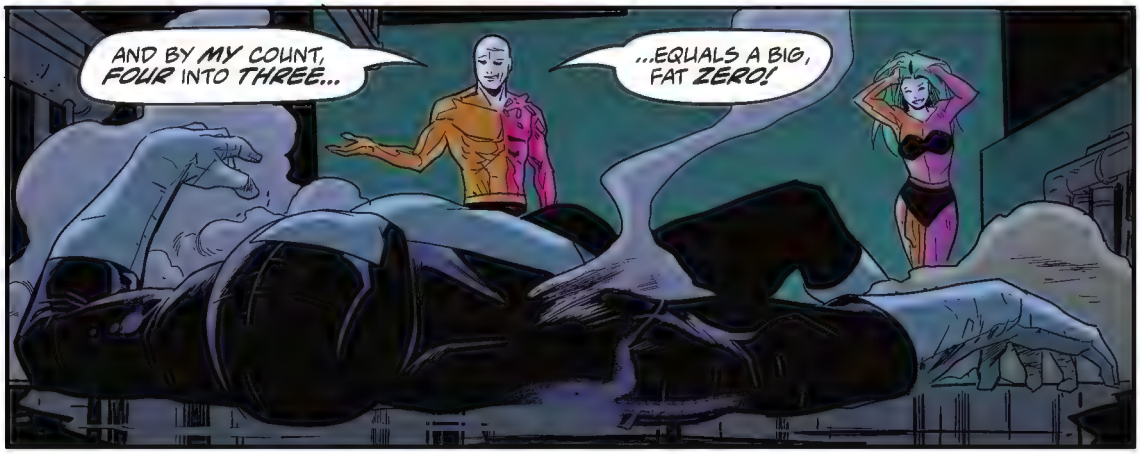
THEY REWARDED HIM WITH A SPOT ON SOME BIG, SECRET PROJECT...
WAIT--! S.H.A.D.E. HAD THEIR OWN ORB OF RA?! I CAN'T THINK OF ANYBODY WORSE--
--SO WHO'S WORSE THAN THE WORST, RAINIE? WHO'S THE OPPOSITION?
JUNCTION BOX

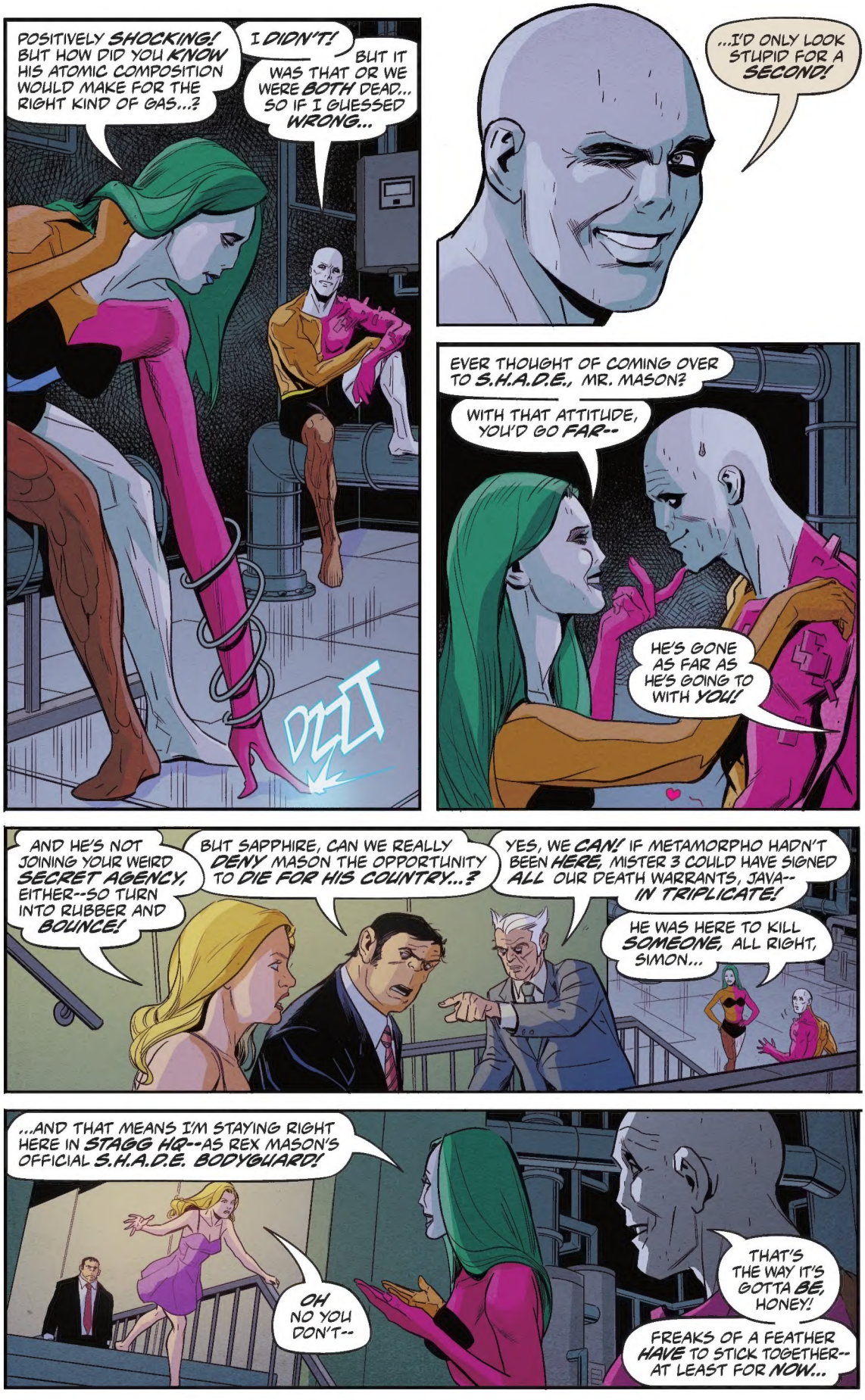
THREE GUESSES, MASON--
--AND THE FIRST TWO DON'T COUNT!


THEY'RE CALLED Cy.C.L.O.P.S.--AND WHEN THEY KICK-START PROJECT: SUNRISE, IT'LL CHANGE THE WORLD!
TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE HERE TO SEE IT!
AMBUSH!
THAT LIGHT...
YEAH--HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO...
=RRGH!=
...A HUMAN ORB OF RA!
REALLY? WELL, THANKS FOR...
=NNNH!=
...THE ADVANCE WARNING, MASON...
EXCEPT THE EFFECT AIN'T SO BAD THIS TIME! MAYBE 'CAUSE HE'S A GAS, GAS, GAS--
JUNCTION BOX
--BUT ONCE WE'RE WEAK ENOUGH, HE'LL GO SOLID AND FINISH THE JOB! GOTTA THINK FAST!
FEELS LIKE I STILL GOT FREAK-POWER ENOUGH FOR ONE BIG CHANGE...

...LIKE THIS!
FOLLOW MY LEAD, E.G.--
--INTO PURE COPPER!
DONE!
BUT I CAN'T HOLD IT MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS, REX!
I HOPE YOU'VE GOT A PLAN TO HAND, HANDSOME--
--OR WE'RE ABOUT TO BE TWO PILES OF INERT CHEMICAL SLUDGE!
SKRAGG!
NOTHING IN MY HAND BUT THIS JUNCTION BOX, BABY!
SEE, THE NEW STAGG HQ'S GOT ITS OWN POWER SUPPLY-- WITH JUICE ENOUGH FOR WHATEVER STAGGSY'S TWISTED HEART DESIRES!
I JUST REMEMBERED-- THAT IT ALL RUNS THROUGH THIS!
AND I REMEMBERED SOMETHING ELSE, TOO-- A FUN LITTLE FACTOID FROM HIGH SCHOOL!
THERE'S A FOURTH STATE OF MATTER!
RUN A HEAVY ELECTRIC CURRENT THROUGH AN INSULATING GAS--

--AND YOU GET PLASMA!


AND BY MY COUNT, FOUR INTO THREE...
...EQUALS A BIG, FAT ZERO!


POSITIVELY SHOCKING! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW HIS ATOMIC COMPOSITION WOULD MAKE FOR THE RIGHT KIND OF GAS...?
I DIDN'T!
BUT IT WAS THAT OR WE WERE BOTH DEAD... SO IF I GUESSED WRONG...
DZZT
...I'D ONLY LOOK STUPID FOR A SECOND!
EVER THOUGHT OF COMING OVER TO S.H.A.D.E., MR. MASON?
WITH THAT ATTITUDE, YOU'D GO FAR--
HE'S GONE AS FAR AS HE'S GOING TO WITH YOU!
AND HE'S NOT JOINING YOUR WEIRD SECRET AGENCY, EITHER--SO TURN INTO RUBBER AND BOUNCE!
BUT SAPPHIRE, CAN WE REALLY DENY MASON THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIE FOR HIS COUNTRY...?
YES, WE CAN! IF METAMORPHO HADN'T BEEN HERE, MISTER 3 COULD HAVE SIGNED ALL OUR DEATH WARRANTS, JAVA-- IN TRIPLICATE!
HE WAS HERE TO KILL SOMEONE, ALL RIGHT, SIMON...
...AND THAT MEANS I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE IN STAGG HQ--AS REX MASON'S OFFICIAL S.H.A.D.E. BODYGUARD!
OH NO YOU DON'T--
THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOTTA BE, HONEY!
FREAKS OF A FEATHER HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER-- AT LEAST FOR NOW...

...'CAUSE MISTER 3 COULDA MADE IT ANYWHERE IN STAGG HQ-- BUT HE WAITED FOR US!
SO WHATEVER PROJECT: SUNRISE IS, WE KNOW IT STARTS WITH...
...THE DEATH OF METAMORPHO!

AND SO, THE WHEELS ARE IN MOTION-- ON THE **DEADLIEST MACHINERY** OF ALL!

BUT WHAT IS **PROJECT: SUNRISE**--AND **WHO** COULD BE BEHIND IT? WHAT BRAIN COULD CREATE A **HUMAN ORB OF RA?** WHAT DOES THIS SINISTER SUPERMIND HAVE IN STORE FOR OUR **FAB FIVESOME?** AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THAT **MYSTERIOUS DUEL** IN THE FAR-OFF **RA-REALM?**

ANSWERS THERE BE, METAMANIACS-- AND TO FIND THEM, FOLLOW THE **NEW AGE OF METAMORPHO** INTO **NEXT ISH...**

WHEN WE SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF... **THE WOMAN FROM YESTERDAY!**

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INTERVIEW WITH JEREMY ADAMS

The king is back, baby! *Aquaman* stars in an all-new solo series as part of DC's All In initiative, from writer Jeremy Adams and artist John Timms. Here's word direct from Adams on why this isn't Aquaman business as usual.

Where do we find Aquaman at the start of this series?

Post Absolute Power, Atlantis is in disarray, so Arthur has reassumed his role as king in order to get the Atlantean house in order. On top of that, he's switched certain powers with Mera, giving him the ability to manipulate water, which...he doesn't really have the hang of...yet!

What kind of role do Mera and Jackson Hyde play in this series? Do we meet any new allies?

I can't really answer about Mera and Jackson... they do appear in issue one, and then after that...well...

As far as *other* allies. There will be many new and old characters that might appear as Arthur goes through the Blue.

What can you share about the threats Aquaman will face, and how will they change his status quo?

In our first issue we'll see him face off with a water kaiju, but that isn't going to be the worst of it. Water kaiju, mermaids, pirates...it's going to be wild.

How is collaborating with John Timms on charting Aquaman's new journey forward?

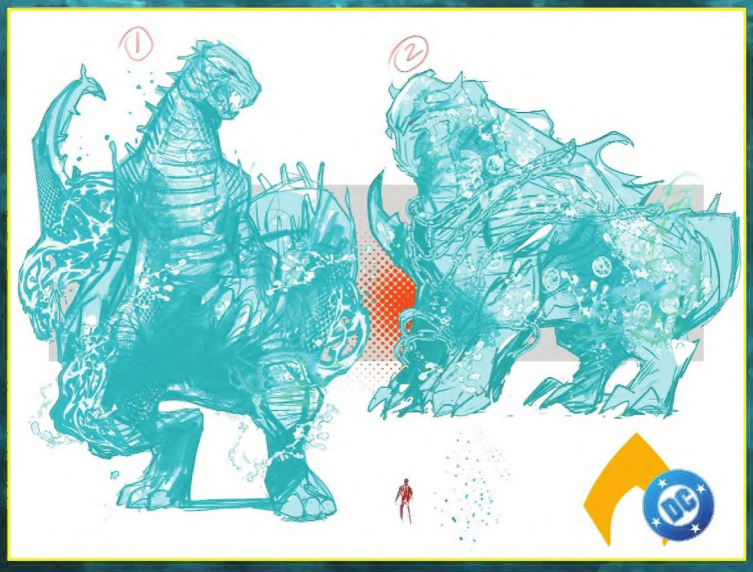
John seems to be the nicest person ever, and with his talent at the level that it is, I have become *extremely jealous* of his very existence. I want him to have fun in this book, so I'm always asking if there's something he wants to do or draw, and I hope we get a *long* run together with the King of Atlantis.

What can fans expect with Aquaman's new powers?

They can expect the unexpected. Hydrokinesis is just the start of a journey that will have long-lasting ramifications.

Which past takes on Aquaman were influential to your take on the character and his mythology?

It's strange, Aquaman has had a variety of continuities and changes, and all of them have created his incredible character that patrols the waters of Earth...but that's going to change. We're embarking on a new mythology...taking him far, far away from what he and everyone else know.



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